



PSLS South Central Chapter Meeting

October 13, 2026 at 6:00 pm

at Green Horizon Grill, Bridges Golf Club, Abbottstown, PA

Program: General Business Meeting

MINUTES

1. PSLS South Central Chapter met for a business meeting at the above place and time. The following guests, officers, members were in attendance:

Justin Martin - S-C Chapter President

Dennis Meckley - Immediate Past S-C Chapter President & Life Member

Tom McClellan - S-C Chapter Secretary

Eric Gladhill - S-C Chapter Past President & Life Member

Tom Farcht - S-C Voting Member & Past State Director

Layne B. Clark - S-C Voting Member

Tom Kimmel - Hbg Chapter VP

2. PSLS S-C President Justin Martin opened the meeting.

3. On motion, meeting minutes, which were distributed previously by email with hard copies available tonight were approved with the correction that Layne B. Clark is now a voting member having received his PLS license. Congratulations Layne! Minutes are always available for anyone who requests them.

4. Though not present at this meeting, Clark Craumer provided the treasurer's report via email.

Checking: \$1,173.93

CD: \$2,046.17

Total: \$3,220.10

5. Tom McClellan gave a report of the last PSLS State Directors meeting held on September 25, 2026.

A. The PSLS treasurer was instructed to investigate a way to gain some savings on PSLS funds currently held in three non-interest bearing accounts totaling and now \$609,880.93.

B. South Central Chapter Bylaws were approved by the Board as presented. No other Bylaws have been approved as yet. One chapter asked if it was mandatory and the answer was: If a Chapter uses the PSLS EIN they must have a set of PSLS approved Bylaws on record. If they are independently incorporated, they are beholden to the Commonwealth and their Bylaws do not have to be approved by PSLS but a courtesy copy should be provided for info.

C. NGS is now Beta testing the new datum system for the new NSRS; please participate via their website if interested and able.

D. PSU Surveying program is still in flux but it looks like it will move to the Altoona Campus but the Scranton Campus will accommodate current students. PSLS will closely monitor disposition of donated equipment now at Wilkes-Barre. Wilkes-Barre campus is slated to be sold to a local Golf Course. Mont Alto Campus, where several of S-C Chapter members study in the 60s through the 80s is currently being studied by the Franklin County Planning Department for redevelopment.

E. Membership was reported to be on the rise though licensed PLSs declined.

F. Gun raffle has raised \$3,260 so far. Please return sales and/or unsold tickets to Glenn Johnson by December 1, 2026.

G. The PSLS Surveyor's Conference is scheduled for January 10 - 13, 2027 with a one time Wednesday afternoon forum to discuss PA Standards of Practice.

H. Bob Regola's report on Right-of-Entry (Trespass) legislation was discussed. Basically, PA will follow the West Virginia statute with

I. PSLS is developing an RFP to solicit a law firm to develop an annotated Land Statutes Law Book (not a case law compilation).

J. Nominations for Surveyor of Year, Distinguished Service and Chapter Awards are due October 26, 2026.

K. Next State Directors Meeting is Nov 6, 2026.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Future Speakers: Some possible speakers for the next year might include Dan Martin, new NGS Regional Representative, Dennis Meckley's son from NOAA, past PA Geospatial Coordinating Board Commission Executive Director: Eric Jespersen.

2. Other possible speakers for the 2026/2027 year were discussed and we will ask: Tim Wallace to reprise his State Police accident investigation surveys; Michael Loose,

PennDOT Photogrammetrist, for surveying with drones; Eric Cooper to give the seminar he presented at Maryland Society of Surveyors (MSS); other possibilities are Dave Moyle, Kanaan Thomas, Kurt Musselman, Wendy Lathrop, Michael Joos, a Keystone Precision representative for subjects such as new technology, equipment, practices and/or future technology developments on the horizon.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. It is with sadness that we learned that Bill Davis will not be able to continue as PSLS State Director. Someone willing to take on this position is being sought; volunteers are welcome. On motion and in order to honor Bill's longstanding participation as a Land Surveyor and as South Central Chapter Member, the chapter decided to request a Life membership for him at the next PSLS State Director's meeting on November 6, 2026.

Next Meeting: The next South Central Chapter meeting is planned for November 10, 2026: Location: TBD

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at about 7:30 PM.

Reviewed by Justin Martin, Dennis Meckley, Eric Cooper & Tom Farcht; written by Tom McClellan.